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Comments on 2022-R-A-0011: Low Emission Vehicle Program

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Comments:

I am writing in opposition of the proposed ZEV mandate/ACCI. To adopt California's standards would be absurd, they can't keep their lights on now as we speak and currently restrict EV owners with regards to when and how much they can charge their vehicles to protect a fragile, overextended electrical grid. The free market should dictate the sale of EVs and consumers should have the freedom to chose how they spend their money and what vehicle suits their needs. Technology is continually advancing and could produce a cleaner, more efficient mode of transportation, so why must we all drive EVs ? A mandate of this type is certainly governmental overreach without any oversight from OUR elected legislature, who represent OUR voices and concerns. It is our freedom and right to chose what is best for us. EVs are not green, they are not clean and their safety is debatable. We are Delawareans, not Californians, to adopt such regulation would put an unfair burden on our every day citizens, our farmers and small business owners. The retail cost of an EV and the increase in our utility bill for charging may be out of the question for a majority of our Delaware residents. The range and lack of charging stations will adversely impact our rural residents, as well as our tradesmen and contractors who service those areas. How are the residents in our metropolitan areas going to charge their EVs ? If they only have street parking available, are residents going to have to step over hundreds of charging cords laying across the sidewalks? We do not have the infrastructure or electrical grid to support such a vast number of EVs that this mandate would dictate. It doesn't seem that there has been enough research of forethought with regards to this regulation. Please reconsider this overreaching and unfair mandate.